

**Statement of Chairman Tom Davis
Committee on Government Reform
“Committee Consideration of Frank Salemme Interview Transcript”
February 12, 2004**

On April 10, 2003, following this Committee’s vote to confer immunity, Committee staff interviewed Frank Salemme regarding his involvement with the FBI and his knowledge of the Boston FBI’s use of murderers as informants. Salemme’s statement provides additional information regarding murders and attempted murders, including the attempted murder of Joe “the Animal” Barboza’s lawyer, John Fitzgerald. Salemme said that Patriarca ordered him killed to prevent him from testifying against Patriarca and from inducing Barboza to cooperate as well. Salemme also told Committee staff that he confronted former FBI Special Agent Dennis Condon, on the day of Joe Salvati’s wrongful conviction for the murder of Teddy Deegan, regarding Condon’s knowledge of true facts about the Deegan murder. Salemme also detailed information provided to him by former FBI Special Agent Paul Rico that facilitated the murder of Punchy McLaughlin, another Boston gang member.

Releasing the transcript of Salemme’s statement will allow the public further insight into the improper, indeed, criminal relationship between Boston FBI agents and their murderous informants. Public disclosure of the full extent of wrongdoing will help to prevent these horrible events from ever happening again.